

## ***The Goose Creek Scenic River Advisory Committee***

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Minutes of the March 16, 2011 Meeting  
Department of Parks Recreation and Community Services  
Mickey Gordon Room  
215 Depot Court, Leesburg, Virginia 20175

**Loudoun Members Present:** Chairman Mark Peterson, Vice Chairman John Isom, Lynn Gibson, Joan Rokus, Phil Daley

**Loudoun Members Absent:** Helen E. Casey Stephen Combs-Lafleur, Benjamin Lawrence

**Legislative Advisor:** Kurt Erickson (absent)

**County Staff Present:** Marie Genovese, Planning Department; Dave Ward, Building and Development, Mark Novak, Recording Secretary, PRCS

**Catoctin Creek scenic River Advisory Committee:** Anne D. Larson, Otto Guttenson

**Fauquier Member Present:** Hazel Edens

**Guests:** Karl Mohle, NVRPA

### **Chairman's Business**

Chairman Mark Peterson; called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

First order of business was to approve the January 19, 2011 minutes. Motion to approve minutes was made by Joan Rokus and seconded by John Isom. The minutes were approved unanimously. The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, May 18th, at 1:00 p.m. in the Purcellville Room Loudoun County Government Building, 1 Harrison Street, Leesburg, Virginia 20175.

Chairman Peterson announced Helen Casey has resigned from the committee due to family issues. Joan Rokus recommended that someone from the committee approach Chairman York with the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors to consider a resolution of appreciation from the County to Helen for her time spent on the committee. Chairman Peterson agreed and offered to contact Chairman York.

The next item of business, Chairman Peterson will be working with Helen on transferring all her files over to him, including making sure County referrals are sent to him instead of Helen in the future. Marie Genovese will check with the planning department to make sure the change is noted.

Next item of business, Chairman Peterson reported that there has been no new news or action by Board of Supervisor on Chesapeake Bay Ordinance currently under review by the committee of the whole. Phil Daley asked if Goose Creek Scenic River Advisory Committee should have a position on the ordinance. Another question that came up was if the

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ordinance would have an impact on the Goose Creek or Goose Creek Scenic River Advisory committee. David Ward suggested the committee look at what happens to the existing Goose Creek 300' buffer under the ordinance. Chairman Peterson agreed and offered to inquire what the possible impact to the main stem of the Goose Creek might be.

### **Committee Business**

New member search, at the last meeting Chairman Peterson asked everyone to think about how to get interest from the public to fill vacant seats and bring their ideas back to the next committee meeting in March. One area of concern was the time the meetings are held. The committee meets in the middle of the work day which makes it hard for those who have day jobs to attend. Chairman Peterson will send out an e-mail to committee members to follow up on the process of when meetings are held. There was some discussion on who should be on the committee and how to get people of interest. Chairman Peterson offered to draft a paragraph that would define who we are and what makes up the group (committee).

### **Electronic Mailing List:**

A discussion pertaining to the way the committee sends out minutes and agenda was next. Currently mailing is hard copy (paper) and sent by U.S. mail through DCR. This is a time consuming process. Chairman Peterson would like to see mailings become electronic in the future. Chairman Peterson offered to send out correspondence to current citizens on the mailing list that Goose Creek Scenic River Advisory Committee will be exploring a process for going electronic (e-mail) and see what responses come back. Chairman Peterson will also check with the state (DCR) for feedback. All committee members present were in agreement with Chairman Peterson going forward.

### **Catoctin Creek Update:**

Catoctin Creek Scenic River Committee will be having their meeting this Friday March 18<sup>th</sup> 1- 3p.m at the Lovettsville library.

### **Fauquier Member Present:**

Hazel Edens reported that the Fauquier committee will be having a committee meeting this spring. Hazel request information on the Keep Loudoun Beautiful (KLB) spring clean up. John Isom said he would provide her with the link to KLB site.

There being no further Committee business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted  
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Chief Park Planner  
Loudoun County Department  
Of Parks Recreation and Community Services

